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A Leader Is Lost to Us

In the recent passing of Frank R. Pierce, local resident and industrial leader, a distinct loss of his influence in many phases of life will be felt.

Today's world never was in more dire need of good leadership than it is in these troublous days. Mr. Pierce was a recognized leader in Michigan's industrial life.

Although his talents were directed toward business success, he never failed to respond to the social needs of metropolitan Detroit, and served as chairman of the executive committee that raised Detroit's most recent Community Chest Fund.

Frank R. Pierce will live in the memories of countless men and women who still carry on. By honestly serving his fellowman, he earned in their thoughts a cherished place of love and respect.

The Loyal 5 Per Cent

FOR TRUSTEE (Vote for Not More than Two) Wylie E. Groves? Roland W. Reese Richard A. Sauerbrun?

This is a reasonable facsimile of the Birmingham school district annual election ballot which will be voted upon next Monday, June 12.

Only about 500 persons will take time between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. that day to mark a ballot. Last year only 596 persons voted.

The potential school vote is between 9,000 and 10,000. But we predict only about 5 per cent of them will take the trouble.

If you will be among this 5 per cent who will cast your ballot next Monday, let us congratulate you for still believing that your American citizenship carries with it an obligation and duty to vote.

Bomb to Save Lives at Sea!

The Navy has developed a small bomb, weighing from one to four pounds, which represents the wonders of electronics as applied to the saving of human life at sea.

The little bomb, dropped by a plane or ship in distress, transmits underwater sound waves which may go as far as two thousand miles. These will be received at listening stations and the position of the wreck can be determined within a few miles.

The device, of course, represents the application of well known principles to the service of a particular need. The triangulation of signals has been of great value in the theory of navigation and the new process is only a new application of a thoroughly tested method.

For Real Amazement

From London, England, comes the news that Dr. Edith Summerkill, British Minister of Insurance, is astonished at learning "of the pornographic rubbish it is possible" for British young people to buy.

She is amazed, when she goes to the cinema, to endure 30 minutes of "shooting, stabbing and choking scenes presented as if they were the normal British way of life."

From Our Point of View

Mac West plans to build a million dollar casino and theatre-restaurant in Las Vegas, Nevada, we learn. Mac certainly should be successful in that type of business. By hanging out a neon sign that reads: "Come up 'n see me some time", the robust actress should do a business that runs into nice figures.

It was in Kim Sigler's administration as Governor of Michigan that the Legislative Committee now investigating methods of improving State government was created. That Committee is working hard to bring about some changes for the better, which it is hoped will be enacted into law in 1951.

Consolidation of all Protestant churches on a community level is recommended by Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxman, of New York. He suggests that the church having the largest membership in a community become the accepted church of all other Protestants.

Every Memorial Day grieving men and women stand before the graves of those of their loved ones who were sacrificed in war. When the cause of this is finally appraised, what tremendous failures the leaders of men have been in their puny efforts to bring about and sustain enduring peace!

A Chicago street car, apparently in the hands of a motorman who failed to control it for a moment, ran into a double decker trailer loaded with 7,000 gallons of gasoline. Nearly two-score people were burned to death. Much adjacent property caught fire and was destroyed.

Trygve Lie, secretary of the United Nations, recently had a 90-minute interview with Joe Stalin in Moscow. Lie later reports that Stalin likes the United Nations organization, and wants to keep it going. In the face of Russia's lack of co-operation in the UN, does Lie think we are naive enough to believe that Stalin really wants the UN to sustain world peace?

An English roadster owner complains that British broadcasters hurt his type of business by predicting stormy weather prior to holidays, when often such weather does not arrive. This he claims, injures business, and he is thinking of getting a court injunction to stop it.

So They Say . . .

Henry A. Wallace, Progressive Party leader: "We believe in progressive capitalism, not socialism. . . Our principles are vastly different from those of the Communist Party."

John D. Hickerson, Assistant-Secretary of State: "We cannot acquiesce in an agreement that rests only upon the good faith of its participants."

Dean Acheson, Secretary of State: "We do not regard the people of Eastern Europe as responsible for the deterioration of our relations with their governments."

Margaret Brooks, author: "Each day offers a chance to reach out and grasp a new understanding of some part of the world."



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO

June 12, 1890 Last week's rains changed the River Rouge from a meadow brook to a raging torrent. Only once before has the river been known to rise so high. Fences and bridges were swept away and acres of farmland suffered extensive damage from this untimely catastrophe.

20 YEARS AGO

June 12, 1930 Mrs. Thora Smith will sail from New York Saturday to visit the grave of her son who was killed in France during World War I. Mrs. Smith, who has been freed from several years of prison, is among the group of gold star mothers making a special pilgrimage to the battle fields.

5 YEARS AGO

June 14, 1945 Ernest W. Seasholtz was re-elected to the board of the regular election held Monday, when he defeated William D. George, who served his third term in the board.

Day for Dad

Now we have a day for Father. Father hands out all the cash. Long ago we didn't bother. Now we have a day for Father. Father didn't like a pothole. Though he brought the steak and hash. Now we have a day for Father. Father hands out all the cash.

ing local residents to use their gardens to the utmost this year. He has received appeals from national groups to have every possible bit of garden put to use, to ease the national food supply as much as possible.

The Birmingham Community House drive is nearing the closing date with the quota of \$19,700 already exceeded and funds still coming in. It was announced that several of the service clubs would be discontinuing their weekly luncheons during July and August.

Pupils of Ethel Prater were present in a piano recital at the Baldwin library auditorium last evening. Several soloists and piano accompanists were featured on the program.

People's Column

The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. Letters must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential. Letters must be limited to 500 words.

To the Editor: A foreign aid bill for over three billions was recently passed. Our federal deficit is six to seven billions.

In order to have my bookkeeping up to date I take these bills as Uncle Sam hands them to me and by dividing 160 million people by the number of bills I get, I find that I am not counting on much help from the unemployed and babies in arms.

It looks like FII be due over \$21.00 on the foreign aid bill and about \$46.00 on the deficit. I have placed these two items in my debit book which now rests on a concrete pillar for support. For my credit records I am using an old safety match cover.

Sometimes I think I might as well not keep books because I think they have found out that I am keeping books on Washington and the Senators are trying hard to trip me up on my double entry system.

Ohio Police Arrest Birmingham Youths Driving Stolen Car

Highway patrolmen at Middletown, Ohio, last week Wednesday arrested four Birmingham boys, 15 and 16 years old, on charges of driving a stolen car.

This police said the car apparently had been stolen from near Birmingham. The boys are being held pending the filing of charges.

Police Chief Ralph W. Muxley stated he believed they were driving a car stolen from the 14 Mile road inn parking area.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

READ 'EM AND WEEP for people who want to laugh at the comic strips to do so. IT'S ABOUT TIME the daily newspapers did something about this "comic" page. It's comic, the way it is now. . . the whole situation, I mean.

LOOKING HEAD By George S. Benson

A natural inclination of the American people towards the peaceful and quiet life has been one of the chief reasons why Communists have been able to gain such a strategically important foothold in various quarters in this country.

Who wants to start a fight? Who wants to get involved in a noisy, unpleasant controversy? Very few Americans do.

Who cannot fight Communism and, especially, not here in America where the stakes are so high, without becoming the unwitting assistant to the Communists' entire propaganda apparatus.

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MICHIGAN MIRROR

WILL FILL IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL GAP formal education than the eighth grade have profitably pursued practical studies at Ferris Institute, at Big Rapids.

High school youths may attend specialized trade courses in the following: Watch and clock repair, architectural or machine drafting, refrigeration and air conditioning, radio repair and electronics, printing, stenographic and secretarial, higher accounting, business administration, B.S. degree in commerce of service teacher training, college preparatory (high school), and advertising-salesmanship.

SOME OF THESE courses are short in time; others run for four years. The one-time superintendent of schools at Pittsfield, Illinois, became the founder of Ferris Institute. Mr. Ferris founded the school Sept. 1, 1884 as the Big Rapids Industrial School. Later the name was changed to Ferris Industrial School and in 1893 shortened to Ferris Institute.

In January, 1920, the Pharmacy building was completed for four-year training. In 1912 when Republicans were feeling over the Progressive movement, Ferris was elected governor on the Democratic ticket. He then became United States Senator and died while in Washington in 1928 while serving as senior senator from Michigan.

Internationally Speaking

By Eugene Hess Instructor, Univ. of Detroit The Western Union in Europe has come one step nearer to its realization. We just had our six large "steel" countries have decided to pool their steel resources.

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WE MAY ASK ourselves: has this development any influence upon our own heavy metal industry? It is not just a matter of the more distant future at export markets, which are at present very small, might be affected.

The excellent business conditions of today which we observe in the industrial countries, course, caused by our internal trend, as observed in the booming automobile and building and similar industries.

